

BRIBE-TAKING JUROR TESTIFIES AGAINST JEROME

Tillinghast a Witness in Inquiry Into Charges of Met. Stockholders.

INVOLVES COURT CLERK

Tells How He Received Money for Protecting Railway Company in Trials.

William H. Tillinghast, upon whose story are based the charges of William F. King and a committee of Metropolitan stockholders against District Attorney Jerome, was a witness to-day at the opening of the investigation before ex-Judge Charles Andrews, ordered by Gov. Hughes.

In effect the charges are that Mr. Jerome failed to procure indictments against men connected with the Metropolitan Railway Company upon testimony furnished by Tillinghast, who admits he was paid by the company to act as juror in cases against them.

After clerks had testified that Tillinghast served as a juror in a number of cases, he began his testimony in response to questions by Franklin Pierce, counsel for the stockholders' committee, by saying that while he was serving as a juror in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court before Justice Furman he had met a court official named Alexander Smith, Court Officer Smith, he said, met him either in City Hall Park or on Chambers street and gave him to understand that there would be something in it if he would agree to render a verdict in a case which "must go one way."

Didn't Meet McCabe.
The case was ended on Friday, he said, "and on Saturday morning I called at Smith's house, on Twenty-eighth or Twenty-ninth street, west of Eighth avenue. He gave me money from his bureau drawer and said he would go to the Metropolitan office and arrange to get more. I met him at the Metropolitan office.

Mr. Pierce: "Did you go upstairs with Mr. Smith?" "I did not."

"Did you go to the Metropolitan office again?" "I went again after I became better acquainted with the Metropolitan people."

"What do you mean by that?" "After they found that I was a man who could be handled I naturally called there."

"With whom did you become acquainted?" "George and Stanley Bagg."

"Why did you let up in calling him?" "It was adviseable not to go there. I might come in contact with counsel for the other side. He said it better not be seen."

"Did you see Ambrose J. McCabe there?" "No."

Witness further testified that Attorney Little McCabe and Patterson had taken part in the trials of cases he had helped to defend as a juror.

"Did you get paid for your services?" "I received money in the Metropolitan office."

"We paid you." "I would meet Mr. Bagg generally, say on Saturday, at twelve."

"How would he pay you the money?" "Oh, he would shake hands and he would pass the money. If some one else brought it, it would be in an envelope."

Involves Clerk of Court.

Tillinghast testified that in 1902 he was employed as a watchman at Kingsbridge on a contract job for the Metropolitan Street Rail Company, that he had sat on cases in the city court when he had served as a juror.

"How would that be brought about?" "How would I wanted to hold over for two weeks?"

"By whom?" "The Clerk of the Court."

"Who was that clerk?" "I think his name is John C. Foley, of Part Three or Four."

"Why?" "He had reasons."

"What reasons?" "He said that I'd be a handy man for cases on which he, as clerk, wanted the right man in the right place."

"Was he asked without question by counsel?" continued Tillinghast. "When I'd be called to the box I'd see Bagg sitting behind the counsel. He'd lean over and say something to counsel when I'd be called."

"Were you ever convicted of a crime?" he asked. "Yes."

"How long did you serve?" "I was sentenced for two years."

"Where were you convicted?" "In Chicago, in 1895. I pleaded guilty to forgery."

"Ever convicted since then?" "I pleaded guilty of persuading a juror, Robert Henderson, and was sentenced for three months."

"Ever convicted elsewhere?" "No."

Jerome Scores.

The witness said that he could not

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recall the specific cases in which Ambrose McCabe had appeared as counsel; other men were counsel of record, at rare rates, so far as the court and public know. Mrs. Jerome scored with one particular question and answer.

You can tell of no case after looking into the records of the defense company? No, I cannot," was Tillinghast's answer.

You said that you got paid for all cases by the Metropolitan, did you not? I did not, said Mrs. Jerome.

Take the month of April, when you appeared as juror in four cases, three of which were decided against the company. Did you get paid whether the verdict was favorable to the company or not?

"Sometimes it was better to have the verdict against the road," said Mrs. Jerome.

Mr. Jerome questioned the witness relative to his sworn testimony before Justice Stanley as to cases at the time of the trial of the New York Central. After the statement before Justice Stanley had been made, witness testified on redirect examination by Mr. Pierce, he returned to the office to find offices of Justice Stanley, Attorney General, and others awaiting him. He was arrested for impersonating a juror and later pleaded guilty, receiving a sentence of three months. An adjournment was taken until a clock tomorrow morning.

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A SONG FROM "THE BLUE MOON."

Everybody remembers James L. Powers and "The Blue Moon" with its lyrics.

Next Sunday's World will contain the words and music of "The Man to Make a Home for Mother," the future song of the production. The song was written by Herbert Ingram, author of "I'm Married Now," and made by permission of Singing Publisher.

DUC DE CHAULNES NOT SERVED IN TAILOR SUIT.

Process-Carrier Gave Summons to Answer \$2,000 Demand to Baron de Conde Instead.

Judge Conlan, of the Municipal Court, granted the application to set aside the service of a summons on the Due de Chaulnes, who recently married Miss Theodore Shantz. This absolves the French nobleman from a charge of contempt. It having been alleged that he ignored the summons and took ship the next day.

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